(b) A Composite Regional Centre for Persons with Disabilities is being set up at Guwahati under a Central Scheme. National Institute of Rehabilitation, Training and Research, Cuttack, Orissa, an autonomous institution under the aegis of this Ministry is facilitating setting up of the Centre.

(c) Against Rs. 117.41 lacs provided for the centre, the expenditure during 2001-02 is Rs. 39.44 lacs.

Muslim communities in OBC List

2323. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the Muslim sub-castes and communities included in the Backward and Other Backward Classes; and

(b) the details of benefits to which they are entitled?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b) Muslims sub-castes/communities fulfilling the norms have been included in the Central lists of Backward Classes and are notified through 19 Gazette Notifications issued so far. They are entitled to get benefits as admissible to OBCs under various schemes being implemented by the Government of India including the benefits of reservation in recruitment for the civil posts and services under the Central Government.

Scheme for coaching of SC candidates for competitive examinations

2324. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing any Central Scheme for providing Coaching to candidates belonging to SC Category and appearing for competitive examinations of UPSC, SSC, etc., and State Service Commission in the State of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of candidates benefited during the last five years, showing number of candidates given coaching and number of those selected in IAS and other services from the State, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Assistance for pre-examination and pre-recruitment coaching to students belonging to Scheduled Castes is being provided by the Ministry under the 'Scheme of Coaching and Allied Assistance for Weaker Sections including Scheduled Castes, Other Backward Classes and Minorities,' which was last revised in September 2001. Under the revised scheme, assistance is given for the following:—

(i) Assistance for admission into IITs, Medical Colleges and other Vocational Training Institutes as well as for employment in Central and State Government for Group 'A' & 'B' posts, public sector' undertakings and in the private sector.

(ii) Assistance towards course fee varying from Rs. 6000/- to 8000/- per student per course to the Coaching Institutes and stipend @ Rs. 125/- to 700/- per student per month to students for duration varying from 3 to 6 months depending on nature of the course.

(iii) Assistance to Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Universities and Institutes running coaching programmes is provided on 90:10 basis, with Centre bearing 90% of the expenditure and 10% by concerned State/UT. Institutes run by State Governments are paid assistance on 50:50 basis while 100% assistance is provided to UTs.

(c) No. of candidates assisted under the scheme during the year 1996-97 to 2000-2001 are as follows:—

Year	No. of candidates coached
1996-97	653
1997-98	148
1998-99	563
1999-2000	209
2000-2001	101

Coaching for IAS and other services is being imparted through NGOs.

Assistance to NGOs running Old Age Homes

2325. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether NGOs are assisted to run the old age homes in the country; and

(b) if so, the number of NGOs along with the details of the assistance provided by Government during the last three years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The number of NGOs along with the details of the financial assistance provided by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment during the last three years, namely, 1999-2000, 2000-01 & 2001-02, State-wise is given in Statement-I and II enclosed.